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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; creating Congestion Reduction Task Force; requiring
1.3 application for Urban Partnership agreement; authorizing participation in Urban
1.4 Partnership program; requiring report.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **CONGESTION REDUCTION TASK FORCE.**

1.7 **Subdivision 1. Creation of task force.** The Congestion Reduction Task Force
1.8 is established to initiate and oversee participation by the state in the federal Urban
1.9 Partnership program and to report to the legislature.

1.10 **Subd. 2. Task force membership; organization.** (a) The task force is comprised of
1.11 the following members:

1.12 (1) five people appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee
1.13 on Rules and Administration of the senate, at least three of whom must reside in the
1.14 metropolitan area;

1.15 (2) five people appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, at least
1.16 three of whom must reside in the metropolitan area; and

1.17 (3) five people appointed by the governor, at least three of whom must reside in the
1.18 metropolitan area.

1.19 (b) The commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee shall
1.20 convene the first meeting of the task force. The task force shall select a chair from its
1.21 membership at the first meeting. Support staff for the task force must be provided by the
1.22 Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Council. Task force members must be
1.23 appointed no later than August 1, 2007.

1.24 **Subd. 3. Duties of the task force.** The task force shall:

2.1 (1) develop a congestion reduction program that incorporates the strategies of the
2.2 Urban Partnership program;

2.3 (2) complete a proposal to enter into an Urban Partnership agreement and submit it
2.4 to the United States Department of Transportation;

2.5 (3) consult with, and oversee activities of, the Department of Transportation and
2.6 Metropolitan Council concerning the development and implementation of the Urban
2.7 Partnership program; and

2.8 (4) ensure that revenues generated in highway corridors under the Urban Partnership
2.9 program are applied to match federal funds to pay costs of operating the program.

2.10 Subd. 4. **Report.** If a metropolitan area in this state is chosen to participate in an
2.11 Urban Partnership agreement, by January 15, 2008, the task force shall report to the
2.12 chairs of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over transportation
2.13 policies and the governor concerning the status and future of the state's participation in the
2.14 Urban Partnership program. The report must:

2.15 (1) identify the metropolitan area that has been designated as an Urban Partner;

2.16 (2) present the elements of the congestion reduction strategies to be implemented
2.17 under the Urban Partnership program;

2.18 (3) identify the costs of participation and the sources of funding secured or to be
2.19 secured; and

2.20 (4) include any draft legislation needed to implement the program.

2.21 **Sec. 2. URBAN PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION.**

2.22 On request of the Congestion Reduction Task Force, the commissioner of
2.23 transportation and the Metropolitan Council shall cooperate with the task force to
2.24 develop a proposal for the Urban Partnership program, and to provide planning, technical
2.25 assistance, and support staff to the task force.

2.26 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.27 This act is effective the day following final enactment.